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1. NAVY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICER (PWO) ON RETURN FROM
NORFOLK (SEE PARA 13 REFTEL) CONFIRMED NAS BERMUDA
RESPONSIBILITY FOR KEMMONS WILSON (KW) CONTRACT HERE
LIMITED TO ASSURING KW MEETING GOB REQUIREMENTS RE
WAGE SCALES AND WORKING CONDITIONS. THIS NAS HAS DONE.
BERMUDA INDUSTRIAL UNION (BIU) PRESIDENT OTTIWELL

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SIMMONS TO BE SO INFORMED JULY 28 BY CONAS ANASTON.
ANASTON WILL REITERATE HIS POSITION THAT DISPUTE
IS SOLELY BETWEEN KW AND BIU.

2. MEANWHILE JULY 25 SIMMONS ISSUED STATEMENT THAT
STRIKE ACTION VOTE AGAINST HOLIDAY INN HOTEL WILL
BE TAKEN JULY 28 AT 4:00 P.M. BIU STATED THE REASON
FOR STRIKE ACTION VOTE IS BECAUSE HOTEL OWNERS HAVE
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REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE BIU ON U.S. BASE JOB (KW NAS

CONTRACT). STATEMENT CONTINUED QUOTE NOTHING SHORT OF UNCONDITIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE BIU AND AN END TO ALL EXPLOITATION OF BERMUDIAN WORKERS BY KW WILL BE CONSIDERED AS A JUST AND FAIR SETTLEMENT OF THIS DISPUTE UNQUOTE. EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH THIS PROJECT HAS GIVEN THE BIU THE "RUN AROUND" THE RELEASE CONTINUED CITING MINISTER OF LABOR, CONAS, CONGEN, KW REPS AND COMPANY'S LAWYER SPURLING. THE RELEASE ALSO SAID THE 15 LOCAL WORKERS NOW ON THE BASE CONTRACT WOULD BE ASKED TO TAKE STRIKE ACTION TOO. SIMMONS STATEMENT ENDED WITH A REFERENCE TO OBTAINING SUPPORT FROM OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE BIU SINCE THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ON THE CONSTRUCTION JOB WAS LIMITED.

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3. HOLIDAY INN GEN. MGR. STATED "KW DOES NOT OWN HOLIDAY INN WE BELONG TO HOLIDAY INN INC. WHICH HAS 200,000 SHARE HOLDERS. KEMMONS WILSON SITS ON THE BOARD AND HIS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH US."

4. IN ADDITION TO THE ALLEGED OWNERSHIP TIES HOLIDAY INN-KW THE BIU IS PROTESTING THE USE OF HOLIDAY INN DORMITORIES BY KW CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL FROM U.S. BIU CLAIMS BERMUDIANS ARE OFTEN REFUSED THOSE ACCOMMODATIONS. INN DORMITORY APARTMENTS ARE NOW RENTED TO KW PERSONNEL AT \$300 PER MONTH.

5. "THE EXPLOITATION OF BERMUDIAN WORKERS" CITED IN PARA 3 ABOVE RELATES TO BIU DEMANDS IN ITS STANDARD CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYERS TO PAY TO THE BIUS FUND AT THE WORKERS HOURLY WAGE ONE HOUR FOR VACATION PAY AND ONE AND ONE HALF HOUR TOWARDS THE SICK BENEFITS FUND.

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6. COMMENT: GOB AND MANAGEMENT HERE ARE HOPING AND CONFIDENTIAL

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OF THE BELIEF THAT SIMMONS HAS MISCALCULATED UNION MEMBERSHIP WILLINGNESS TO WALK OUTK. WHILE HOTEL WORKERS MAY STRIKE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WORKERS OTHER UNIONS ESPECIALLY THOSE ON NAVAL BASE (SEE PARA 10 REFTEL) WILL. STILL TO BE TESTED IS NEW LABOR RELATIONS ACT 5 APRIL 1975 WHICH PLACES RESTRICTIONS ON SYMPATHY STRIKES. WE MAY SEE THIS PROVISION OF THE NEW LAW CONTESTED IF THE HOTEL WORKERS DO STRIKE AND HOLIDAY

INN SEEKS INJUNCTION.

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